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ERRATA.

- Page lix, for "*Pomolobus mediocris*," read "*Pomolobus pseudo-harengus*."
- Page 6, in total of "hard fish," for "13,640,927," read "13,630,427."
- Page 300, for "Waskeag," read "Naskeag."
- Page 308, for "below the harbor of Camden," read "in the harbor of Camden."
- Page 315, in the "summary" for 1863, instead of "9.8," read "10.3."
- Page 319, the summary of aggregate weights should have been omitted entirely, and for mean of average weights, "10.5," read "13."
- Page 331, for "ration of grilse," read "ratio of grilse."
- Page 541, the claim that a literally dry method of artificial impregnation is an American discovery is an error.
- Page 546, the claim that the New York State hatching-house first used wire trays for hatching is an error, as they were first used by E. A. Brackett, of Massachusetts. (See Rept. Mass. Comrs., 1868, p. 17.)
- Page 609, the quotation-marks at the beginning and close of the last paragraph should have been omitted.
- Page 735, for "invaluable," read "without value."

